

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get only what serves the owner's personal political interests rather than a balanced presentation that helps us to make informed decisions on matters affecting our democracy.

I would not object to their showing the program they want if they also allowed an opposition group to air a program that reflects an opposing view. Sinclair has refused to do that.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.